

Books



Allegory & Freud In Neanderthalia

Golding. Harcourt, Brace and

World, Inc. \$4.50. 233 Pages.

By W. H. SCARBOROUGH Readers have become leery of historical novels as a result of that avalanche of incredibly poor pot-boilers which hit the market after World War II. It is not unusual, then, that a book such as this would be warily circled and sniffed before it is tasted. For in setting, at least, it prehistorical. A very few pages suffice in the discovery that the setting, the people, the events are irrelevancies insofar as what Golding is

writing about. The last eight Neanderthal men are following their way to doom along the path of a tradition, half nstinct, half nebulous thought. They are a gentle lot-playful, free of inhibition, fatally interdependent. The disappearance of a log over a spring torrent requires the concerted thought of everyone in its explanation. They have left their wintering grounds by the sea to seek the ease and bountiful food of their summer range. The elder of the group has perhaps started them on the journey too early, for it is cold. Food is scarce and they must eat meat, to which they are unaccustomed and of which they are afraid. Their deity, such as it is, frowns upon eating meat undrained of blood. The fire on which they depend for warmth is carried in a loaf of wet clay, ince they have no means of starting another. That which they

have "fell from the sky." Scarcely have they attained the cave which they and forgotten generations before them have used as summer quarters before a new people who stand upright, with high, grotesque foreheads begin to decimate them. First, the old man who keeps their small hoard of wisdom and tradition dies from the rigors of the

journey. Their leader, whose capacity for "pictures" or halfideas is the group's sole hedge against new situations, disappears mysteriously at the first encounter. The others, unable to accept his disappearance as meaning he is dead, search repeatedly at the precipice where his scent trails off into the river below. The remainder go by ones and twos; the two children as captives, the women into the river. Two remain. They haunt the outskirts of the invaders' camp, they plot to recapture the children, succeed only in terrifying their enemy, to whom they are supernatural monsters.

Long before the last chapter of this melancholy little tale it has become apparent that facts and circumstances are secondary instruments. Golding is telling of a different oddyssey and a vastly more complex decline. As do most authors, he would probably make vehement denial that he is dealing in allegories and parables which are basically Freudian, perhaps Jungian.

With this interpretation, his Neanderthals become equivalent to the id-the unconscious, the instinctual-while the high foreheads, the thinkers and artificers, have the ego all to themselves What one group does to the other constitutes the nasty little psychological schism in whose toils modern man has trapped him-

It is a skilfully told tale with few flaws, save those of technical details, with which anthropologists and certain schools of psychology would find fault. These are easily written off to literary license. Allegory and Freud are out of vogue with contemporary fiction, but this not not the full substance of the book either. Mr. Golding has produced a pleasurably melancholy evening's read-

An Indifferent Pile Of American Satire

AMERICAN SATIRE IN PROSE AND VERSE. Edited y Henry C. Carlisle, Jr. Ranm House. \$6.95. 464 Pages.

By W. H. SCARBOROUGH

As nations tend to favor cerweapons above others for sonal combat, so is the naonal flavor of satire mounted n cultural concepts of wit. The inglish longbow find its counterart in the barbs of Pope and phnson; the French, partial to pees and rapiers, found Voltaire, loliere and a host of others equally to the point. Italian stilttos flash in the dark, supplanted now and then by a cup of

old poison. But if we are to take the testiony of this collection, the bulk f Americans put their trust in adgeons, canes, damp macarni and birdshot.

Although a significant minority

American satirists have adaped foreign weaponry to local use, nd a very few have contrived ighly original variants, they are amped between these covers. Dorothy Parker, James Thurer, Robert Benchley, H. L. Mencken, E. B. White, Wolcott libbs in our own century, Mark Twain in the nineteenth, are presbut outnumbered. There have been native wits who could

lesh pretension and puncture fauity on the same footing with nyone in the world, but they ave left it to others to record their sallies and Mr. Carlisle is a recorder. The mordant wit of a Voltaire

a Swift crossed the Atlantic n leaden casks, and epigrams, with notable exceptions, almost veren't imported at all.

Mr. Carlisle's anthology omits arody, though this may be a natter of necessity, and thereby excludes a number of fine satirsts. Peter DeVriess's splendid imitation of Faulkner, "Requiem for a Noun, or Intruder in the Dusk." deserves inclusion in any volume that claims to be compre-

Another inexplicable omission is that of Charles Erskine Scott Wood, whose "Heavenly Disof the early 1900's made a shambles of Blue Noses, bigots, and politicians

These notwithstanding, Mr. Carlisle has included a moderate proportion of that which is mem-

Washington Irving's popular image, founded superficially on his authorship of the Legend of Sleepy Hollow, should be enhan-ced by inclusion of his homely portrait of 18th century American prudery. James Fenimore Cooper, so often frayed and worried by the hatchetry of Mark Twain, is allowed his say. Twain himself is sufficiently present to indicate his true stature as the

glory of nineteenth century pith. the contemporary scene, much of the best satire would appear to be journalistic in orig-Eric Sevareid, James Reston, Art Buchwald - certainly their work is the most widely consumed and appreciated, but we still wonder at the whereabouts of

Richard H. Rovere. Perhaps Americans are still too self-conscious to turn out humorous ridicule. The bulk of the selections included here carry a heavy burden of anger that becomes neither author nor writ-

But it would be wrong to dismiss American satire on the weight of this evidence. It is more likely that Mr. Carlisle has edited an indifferent anthology.

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Markoosha Fishcher AUTHOR OF 'REUNION IN MOSCOW'

An Intimate Look At The Soviet Mind

Markoosha Fischer. Harper & Row. 240 Pages. \$5.00.

By CRAIG SMITH

These days almost anyone who spends a few weeks in Russia as tourist considers himself qualified to write a book on the subject. Markoosha Fischer, however, has several advantages over most American tourists. native-born Russian, she easily passed in Moscow as just anothout-of-towner; she lived in Moscow during the 20's and 30's, giving her solid grounds for comparison with the past; she has many old friends in Moscow with whom she talked intimately and through whom she met other Russians from many walks of life.

Mrs. Fischer left Russia in 1939, utterly disillusioned with the Bolshevik regime she had once supported, having seen one after another of her friends shot, imprisoned, or exiled in Siberia. he returned in 1960 for the first time, curious to see if and how the Russians had changed since she lived among them. Here, set down in informal, often disjointed style, are her observations from talking to old friends and new acquaintances, children and chambermaids, shopkeepers

Wherever she went-to friends' homes, to the theater, to Boris Pasternak's funeral, to exhibits, or just to sit in the park, she kept her eyes and ears open and was ready to talk with anyone. She introduces a number of typical characters - a divorced couple who continue to live togetherwith their in-laws-because separate apartments are impossible to find; a returnee from exile whose family, health and career had been ruined by years in Siberia; a group of university-educated students who hadn't heard of Trotsky's death; a college pro-fessor who asked endless questions about freedom in America. The dominant characters in the book are the women-women of all kinds, with whom Mrs. Fischer discussed marriage and divorce, children, shopping, food, home decoration, and from whom she found out some surprising facts about the important role of the Grandmother and about the typical Soviet matron - harrassed, unglamourous, constantly busy, but never bored or lonely.

discusses serious political matters, preferring to tell her story in terms of people rather than generalizing, her personal anecdotes give considerable insight into Soviet views. The reader cannot help but be impressed by the intense enthusiasm and pride in the accomplishments of their country that even the most critical Russian citizen feels. Muscovites will line up for hours just to see a new building going up, a new park opened, a redecorated train station ticket office. The fact that a family of five can now live in two rooms instead of one is a source of satisfactionand the people are convinced that things will continue to get bet-

A more frightening aspect of the Soviet mind emerges from Mrs. Fischer's account of her few attempts to discuss foreign and international issues with the Russians. The people she spoke to knew every detail about Little Rock and could name the American teachers who were fired from their jobs because of Communist leanings - but the few facts they knew about Russia's part in the cold war were distorted, and they countered any criticism of the USSR with auto-

matic, stock denials.
"Mrs. Fischer found herself paremprarassed by the se regation issue-embarrassed because the Russians confronted her with undeniable facts from the American press. She believes the racial problem to be one of the greatest blots on our national reputation, and suggests that one solution might be to send our rabid segregationists, who claim to be patriotic Americans, to Russia, where they could see for themselves how much harm they

are doing in their country. Reunion in Moscow adds nothing new to our store of facts about Soviet Russia. It stresses the same characteristics that we hear from countless other observers-the Russians are charming, friendly, curious about the West; they love children, food, and the theater; they are patriotic, dogmatic, convinced that their way of life is right. But Mrs. Fischer does contribute a personal, warm, human approach to these facts, letting her own experiences and the people she met speak for themselves. The result is as enlightening as many a learned sociological work, and

Membership Drive Begun By Library

The Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library have announced their 1962-63 membership drive in a Newsletter to old and new users of the library.

Although Mrs. Fischer rarely

The 'Friends' is an organization of interested townspeople who support the activities and aims of the library by their time and contributions. Last year they contributed \$950 to purchase new

Individual membership is \$1, associate \$5, donor \$10 and patron \$25 and can be mailed to Harold Walters, treasurer, 115

W. Franklin St., or left at the library desk. In spite of gifts and awards such as the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award of last year, the li-

brary has less than half of the

number of volumes recommended for a community of this size and needs continued support. CHURCH MEETING The women of the Presbyterian Church will hold their monthly luncheon meeting on Monday,

Nov. 12. Mrs. Larry Isbell will

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BILLY ARTHUR

After making four car-pool trips to Estes Hill in a single day, Mrs. Bill Friday was bushed.

"I feel as if I've been in the car all day," said she. "People used to think that only the underprivileged rode school buses. But I hope today's children who ride school buses appreciate how privileged their parents are."

Our intelligence department in New York reports that an ingenious manufacturer has come out with a hair tonic called "That Greasy Kid Stuff" and is selling it as fast as he can produce it.

Tony Jenzano is asking people if they know the definition of a

"It's a dense fog in Italy," he

Our West Franklin Street reporter tells of a post-football game drunk who got in a Tar Heel cab at George Barclay's filing station and asked to be taken to the Carolina Theatre.

The driver opened the door and said, "Come on, fellow, get out. You're right at it."

And the drunk staggered out

Palmatier Nemed As RTI Governor

Everett D. Palmatier, professor and chairman of the Department of Physics at the University, last week was named to the North Carolina Research Triangle Institute's Board of Governors.

Dr. Palmatier's appointment to the board came at a Research Triangle Institute annual meeting. Others joining the 25 man Board are W. Bailey Sellars, vice president of research and development, Burlington Industries, Greensboro; and Herbert T. Randall, former vice president of research and engineering and now director and consultant of Champion Papers, Inc., Hamilton,

George Watts Hill, chairman of the board, said, "The extensive research these three men bring to the Board will be invaluable to the Institute's continuing efforts to expand its role of service to industry and government."

Dr. Palmatier, an expert in cosmic ray research, joined the faculty of UNC in 1949 and has been chairman of the department since 1956. He is the author of numerous technical papers and has participated in Atomic Energy Commission cosmic ray research expeditions on Mt. Mitchell and on White Mountain in California.

A native of Winnipeg, Canada, Dr. Palmatier attended Manitoba University from which he received a B.S. degree in physics and chemistry in 1938. He received a Ph.D. degree from Cornell University.

UNC Faculty Club To Hear Pearsall

Thomas J. Pearsall of Rocky Mount, a member of the University board of trustees executive committee, will address the Faculty Club here Tuesday at 1 p.m. 'An opportunity of the Univer-

sity for Rededication and Leadership" will be Mr. Pearsall's subject.

He recently headed a committee of trustees and University officials who went to California to study the state-controlled system of higher education and community colleges. He served in the General Assembly and was author of the "Pearsall Plan" relating to school assignment laws following the Supreme Court decision in 1954 on school segrega-

A graduate of the University and its Law School, he also holds the Honorary LL.D. degree.

The meeting will be held at the Faculty Club. Luncheon is served from 12 noon. The program, presided over by Professor John Kunstmann of the Germanic Languages Department, will begin at 1 p.m.

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and said, "Next time, don't drive

Overheard in the Rat: "He's the kind of a fellow who borrows money to buy beer and then drinks it for courage to bor-

Ruth Faison Shaw has added a third gold fish to her pond already occupied by two named Mr. and Mrs. Billy Arthur. And she has named the newcomer Jealous Lover.

A pre-election story going the rounds among Orange County Democrats was about two birds flying high over Chapel Hill. One "Who you gonna vote

And the other said, "Blackwell Robinson, because he's for us." The Republicans got hold of it and inserted Horace Kornegay's name !

report from Parkwood sounds like a joke, but I'll pass it on. Seems as if a lady was bathing early one afternoon, and the door bell rang persistently. She rushed to the door dripping wet and called, "Who is it." The an-swer came, "The blind man." She figured as long as the man was blind there was no need for precaution, so she opened the door and the man asked, "Where you want your blinds, lady?"

With Thanksgiving coming there are many things for which to be thankful. Most important is to be glad you're not a turkey.

Come to think of it, why doesn't someone cross turkeys with kangaroos so you can stuff them from the outside?

Colin W. Bell, national Execu-

tive Secretary of the American

Friends Service Committe, and

internationally recognized as a

leader in Quaker search for non-

violent resolutions of the tensions

between nations and people, will

be principle speaker at the an-

nual meetin gof the AFSC's

southeastern region, to be held

Claude Shotts, chairman of the

regional Executive Committee

will preside. B. Tartt Bell, the

executive secretary for the south-

eastern region, will also deliver

a major address. He will speak

on "The Service Committee's

Mr. Bell will speak on "The

AFSC's Response to Internation-

will follow his presentation.

al Crises."-A discussion period

A native of Liverpool, England,

Mr. Bell has just returned to this

country after a two months' trip

to Europe, the Middle-east, and

Africa (including Algeria and the

sub-Saharah region). While

abroad, he visited with high of-

ficials of government and con-

sulted with AFSC staff on the or-

ganization's on going programs

He has been a staff member of

the American Friends Service

ommittee since 1946, and associ-

ated with work of the Society of

Friends in a professional capaci-

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Ethridge To Join Journalism Staff

Mark Ethridge, chairman of the board of the Courier-Journal and Louisville Times, will join the staff of the UNC School of Journalism next September, William B. Aycock, Chancellor of the University, and Norval Neil Luxon, Dean of the School of Journalism, announced today.

He will teach one course, Newspaper Management, each semester and will lecture in other journalism classes and at institutes and short courses held under the sponsorship of the School of Journalism. He will also be available for consultation by students and staff members.

The Ethridges plan to build a home on acreage they have purchased some twenty miles from Chapel Hill

"We are most fortunate in being able to add such a distinguished publisher to our staff,' Dean Luxon said. "Mr. Ethridge's long experience in all phases of newspaper work on small and large newspapers in Mississippi, Georgia, Virginia, New York, the District of Columbia, and Kentucky will afford our students an unusual opportunity to study under one of the acknowledged leaders in the newspaper profession.

Mr. Ethridge has spoken a number of times on the Chapel Hill campus before academic and newspaper audiences, most recently in October, 1960, at the dedication of Howell Hall, home of the School of Journalism.

In addition to his newspaper work, Mr. Ethridge has served the government in various capacities including a 1945 visit to the Balkans for the State Depart-

COLIN W. BELL

ty since 1943. He served as as

sociate secretary of the foreign

service section of the AFSC in

1948, after which he served for

two years as administrator of the

AFSC work with refugees in the

From 1950-1955, he was direc-

tor of Quaker International cen-

ter in Geneva, Switzerland and

represented the Friends world

committee at the United Natios

European headquarters in Gen-

eva. He was associate executive

secretary of the AFSC from 1955

to 1959, when he became na-

The annual meeting of the re-

gion will be held at the Com-

munity Church beginning at 11

a.m. The program will include a

panel discussion on "Education

for World Peace," and a panel

discussion on "New Frontiers in

Race Relations." The meeting

will adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

tional executive secretary.

Gaza strip.

Will Speak Here



MARK ETHRIDGE

ment, American delegate on a United Nations Commission to Study Greek Border Disputes in 1947, American representative on the Palestine Conciliation Commission, and as chairman of the U. S. Advisory Commission on Information, 1948-1950. He is a trustee of the Ford Foundation.

Mr. Ethridge's newspaper career began on the Meridian (Miss.) Star in 1913. Later he was a reporter on the Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer Sun; city editor and managing editor, Macon (Ga.) Telegraph; with the New York Sun and Consolidated Press, 1922-1924; Associated Press, 1933; Assistant General Manager, Washington Post, 1933-1934; publisher Richmond Times-Dispatch, 1934-1936, and Courier-Journal and Louisville Times, since 1936.

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